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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: FRIENDLY ITEM AND RESOLUTION SUBMITTED

ON

AUGUST 20,1976: OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A) USUN 3345,B) USUN 3322, C) USUN 3323 (NOTAL),

D) BANGUI 1549(NOTAL)

1. ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 20, NINETEEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
THE US, SUBMITTED TO UN SECRETARIAT ITEM, EXPLANATORY
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MEMORANDUM, AND RESOLUTION ON KOREA (TEXTS UNCHANGED

FROM THOSE IN REF (B). COSPONSORS WERE: CANADA, COSTA RICA, FRG, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, GRENADA, THE NETHERLANDS, UK, PARAGUAY, US, GABON, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, AND URUGUAY. ALTHOUGH CAR, LISTED ON ROLL OF COSPONSORS REPORTED REF (A), LACK OF WORD TO DATE OF PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S CONCURRENCE ON COSPONSORSHIP (REF D), LED HOPEFULLY TO VERY TEMPORARY OMISSION OF CAR FROM LIST OF COSPONSORS. ADDITIONALLY, EL SAL SALVADOR MISSION AWAITING AUTHORITY TO COSPONSOR. WHILE COLOMBIA'S MISSION TOLD COSTA RICA'S MISSION AUGUST 20 THAT COLOMBIA WOULD NOT COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION 1976, ROK OBSERVER OFFICE REMAINS OPTIMISTIC THAT IT MAY YET BE POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE COLOMBIANS TO COSPONSOR. THERE REMAIN NUMEROUS OTHER POSSIBILITIES AS WELL.

2. EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, SYRIA AND CUBA HAVE JOINED BAND OF HOSTILE COSPONSORS BRINGING THAT GROUP'S TOTAL TO 28. OTHER HOSTILE COSPONSORS ARE ALGERIA, TOGO, PRC, LAOS, MADAGASCAR, MALI, IRAQ, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, GDR, CONGO, MONGOLIA, POLAND, HUNGARY, USSR, UKRAINIAN SSR, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, ROMANIA, SOMALIA, GUINEA, MALTA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, BURUNDI AND SOMALIA.

3. OF THE 43 HOSTILE COSPONSORS IN 1975, CAPE VERDE, EGYPT, GHANA, MAURITANIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SUDAN, TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC AND YUGOSLAVIA REMAIN WHORTHWHILE TARGETS TO DISCOURAGE FROM COSPONSORING 1976 HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROK OBSERVER OFFICE REPORTS CONTACTS WITH MISSIONS OF UPPER VOLTA AND SENEGAL. UPPER VOLTA'S MISSION STATED THAT IT HAD DEFERRED TRANSMITTING TEXT OF 1976 HOSTILE RESOLUTION TO OUAGADOUGOU UNTIL IT ALSO HAD FRIENDLY TEXT IN HAND. UPPER VOLTA'S MISSION SAID IT DID THIS TO AVOID ANY SNAP DECISION IN CAPITAL TO COSPONSOR HOSTILE TEXT WITHOUT SEEING OTHER TEXT. SENEGAL'S MISSION SAID THAT, WITH SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT ON VACATION AND WITH SENEGAL'S FOREIGN MINISTER IN CONFIDENTIAL

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COLOMBO, DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO COSPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS IN ABEYANCE.

4. NEW YORK CORE GROUP EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT AUGUST 20 FRIENDLY SUBMISSION HAD 19 COSPONSORS WITH EXPECTATION OF MORE TO FOLLOW. IT SENDS HEARTY "WELL DONE" TO THE FIELD. BELGIANS HERE MOST GLAD TO BE ABOARD AS COSPONSORS AND LOOK

FORWARD TO ENERGETIC LOBBYING WORK WITH ZAIRE,
RWANDA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT
US PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AUGUST 20 AT TIME OF SUBMISSION OF
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. TEXT OF RELEASE FOLLOWS:
QUOTE NINETEEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES,
TODAY SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ON THE KOREAN UNIFICATION ISSUE. THE
RESOLUTION CALLS FOR A RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE SOUTH
AND NORTH OF KOREA BASED UPON THEIR JULY 4, 1972 JOINT COMM-
UNIQUE AND A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED
LEADING TO MORE FUNDAMENTAL PEACE ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE
THE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

THE SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO AVOID
ANOTHER STERILE CONFRONTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT WOULD
BE FAR BETTER, INSTEAD, TO PROMOTE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO
KOREAS, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE
KOREAN PROBLEM.

UNFORTUNATELY, NORTH KOREA--IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JUST AS ALONG THE DMZ--HAS CHOSEN THE PATH OF CONF-
RONTATION. ACTING ON NORTH KOREA'S BEHALF, ALGERIA,
TOGETHER WITH 23 COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED STATES, SUBMITTED
ON AUGUST 16 A HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS RESOLUTION. FACED WITH
THIS EVIDENCE OF NORTH KOREA'S DETERMINATION TO SEEK THE UNGA'S
SUPPORT FOR A HOSTILE, UNPRODUCTIVE RESOLUTION FOR ADOP-
TION THIS FALL, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S SUPPORTERS HAD NO
CHOICE BUT TO SUBMIT AN ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION REF-
LECTING THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. UNQUOTE BENNETT
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